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FORMER RUSSELL SPRINGS POSTMASTER PLEADS GUILTY TO MAIL THEFT

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on September 20, 2006, **PHILLIP THOMAS CRUMP**, age 49, of 447 Knoll Lane, Nancy, Kentucky, in Pulaski County, **pled guilty** to stealing prescription drugs from the mail.

The maximum potential penalties, are five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release.

Crump admitted that between January 15, 2004, and December 10, 2005, he was the Postmaster for Russell Springs, and that he stole over forty-five (45) pieces of mail sent by the Veterans Administration and addressed to Kentucky residents. The mail contained prescription drugs, including Lortab, which **Crump** took for his own use.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Weiser and was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The plea was entered before Robert E. Goebel, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Crump is scheduled to be sentenced on January 3, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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